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The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
United States House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative LoBiondo:

On behalf of the Borough of Avalon, I respectfully request your assistance in securing fiscal year 2010 appropriations funding for the following projects so important to our community. We are grateful for your continuing support.

Townsend's Inlet to Cape May Inlet Shore Protection Project

This project is critical to the communities of Avalon and Stone Harbor. The area has been repeatedly subjected to major flooding, erosion and wave attack during storms over the years, and has been declared a National Disaster Area by the president on three separate occasions. Continuing erosion has reduced the height and width of the beachfront, increasing the likelihood of future storm damage. This erosion also has claimed valuable fish and wildlife habitat along the southern end of Stone Harbor. You will recall that this critical project was scheduled for periodic renourishment in 2007, but inadequate federal resources prevented the renourishment from proceeding as planned. In fiscal year 2010, we are seeking \$13.36 million through the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, United States Army Corps of Engineers Construction General account. The cost of the project is \$18,650,000.